

A microscopic view of several cells on a petri dish. The cells are irregular in shape and appear to be in various stages of division or growth. They are surrounded by a clear, slightly viscous medium. The background is a light, neutral color, possibly the surface of the petri dish or a filter.

IUIS Junior Community Early Career Committee

Goals & Objectives



The IUIS Junior Community (JC) aims to promote and connect Early Career Researchers working in the field of immunology or adjacent disciplines at the international level, specifically focusing on low-to-middle-income countries.

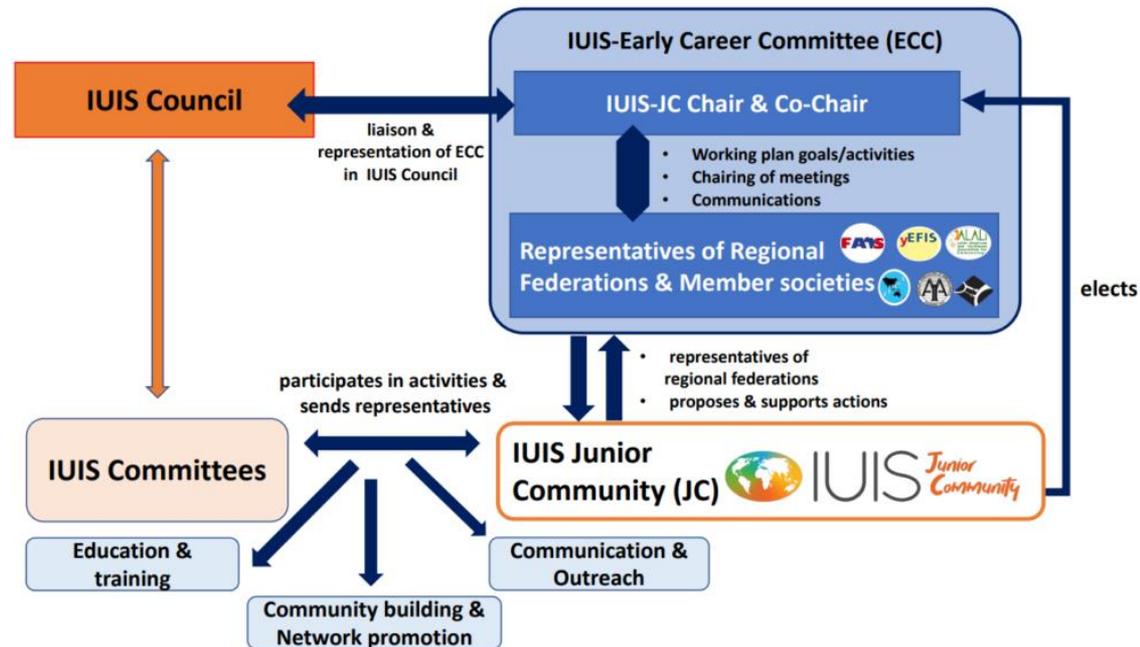
Together with the IUIS committees, the IUIS council, and the Executive Board, the IUIS Junior Community aims to achieve the following tasks and actions:

- Promote and connect Early Career Researchers (ECRs) at the international level through:
 - supporting the creation of junior national or regional societies with a specific focus on low-to middle-income countries
 - ensuring that IUIS' activities meet the needs of ECRs by providing ECR representation in the IUIS council and committees
 - fostering the collaboration with 'Frontiers in Immunology'
 - advertising relevant content on the website and social media accounts
- Enhance education opportunities and improve training environments for ECRs, including:
 - mentorship programs to connect experienced IUIS members with ECRs,
 - organization of various events, including (virtual & in-person) conferences, seminars, or workshops
 - fostering training events like summer/winter schools at the regional and international level
- Support IUIS and its members in activities and events highlighting the field of Immunology, for example, by participating in the international "Day of Immunology" and other public education and outreach campaigns

All of the above will be carried out with a particular focus on diversity, equity, and inclusivity (DEI) to specifically support traditionally underrepresented groups and women in science.

Launch of the IUIS Junior Community & Early Career Committee

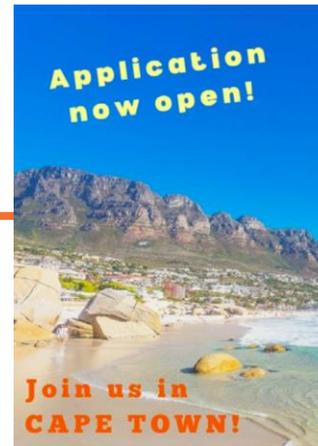
- Proposal to IUIS Council January 2023
- Draft of Bylaws April 2023
- Approval by IUIS Council in June 2023
- Establishment of Website, Social Media, Sign-Up Form July 2023
- Announcement to regional federations and member societies
 - o Call for representatives for the inaugural board



Activities

Activities during IUIS2023 Cape Town

- Participation in IUIS Council Meeting
- Meet & Greet with Nobel laureates
 - Call for participations
 - Received 15 applications
 - Selected 10 participants from 10 different countries
 - Rising Stars also participated
 - Great feedback
- Social Event 'Meet & Greet'
 - Attended by over 50 early career researchers
 - Spread the word about the community
 - Conversations about need for more connections between ECRs especially where national societies are less active



Research Topic with Frontiers In Immunology

1 manuscript accepted

2 manuscript summaries submitted



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IUIS Junior Community: Pushing the Frontiers of Immunology

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Webinar for the Day of Women in Science together with the French & Iranian Immunology Societies



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WEBINAR FOR THE

DAY OF WOMEN IN SCIENCE

MONDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY 2024 | 2PM CET UNTIL 4:30PM CET



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see website: <https://iuis.org/events/webinar-of-the-day-of-women-in-science/>

Creation of the Inaugural Board 2024-2025

Nominations:

ALACI: Maria Julia Lamberti (Argentina) & Marion Brunck (Mexico) **confirmed**

AAI: Adeleye Adeshakin (US) **confirmed**

CSI: Lee-Hwa Tai (Canada) & Julianna Blagih (Canada) *TBC*

yEFIS: Sriram Kumar (Germany) & Eleanora Timperi (Italy) confirmed

FIMSA: Misagh Rajabinejad (Iran) & Quentin Wright (Australia) *TBC*

FAIS: Victor Riitho (Kenya) and Daniel Muema (Kenya) *TBC*

- Aug 24: **over 200 members in the database!**
- Website & Social Media ongoing
- Organised several events
- Organised Research Topic with Frontiers
- Board established & working
- Started to launch a junior group for ALACI

Opportunities and Challenges



- Keep up the great momentum and continue with actionable items with the new board
- Maintenance of Website & Social Media ongoing
- How to connect to senior-level members in IUIS to get involved
- Organise first Chair turnover for September 2025

Future plans



- Establish junior groups for ALACI (launch planned in November 2024), next up FAIS (contact initiated), FIMSA, FAIS (& CSI & AAI)
- Active participation & representation during the IUIS2025 conference (& future IUIS conferences & schools)
- Organising events
- Establishment of mentoring scheme
- Establish ECC representative over all IUIS committees
- Travel grants
- Standalone IUIS Junior Community meeting